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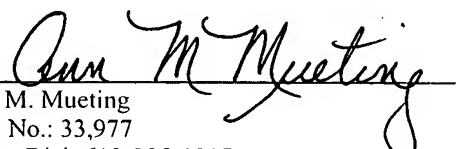
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to MPEP § 609, the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 form is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 form, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Applicants also wish to bring the Examiner's attention to any pending U.S. Application cited in the 1449 form submitted herewith, as well as any documents, Office Actions that may include rejections of similar claims, and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced in the pending U.S. applications or in their file wrappers. Copies of U.S. Patent Applications 11/550,440 and 11/550,434, which are available on the U.S.P.T.O. Image File Wrapper (IFW) System are not provided herewith.

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Applicants also wish to bring the Examiner's attention to the International Search Report for related international patent application PCT/US2004/003755, a copy of which is provided herewith.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the receipt of an Office Action in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby authorize a charge of \$180 to Deposit Account No. 13-4895 to cover the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(c) and 1.17(p). Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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